



DECLARATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

The below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PEPTIDES DESIGNED FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**, the specification of which was filed on **December 21, 2000** and accorded U.S. Serial Number **09/747,029**.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority Claimed

EP 99870280.7	EP	21 December 1999	YES
EP 00870195.5	EP	08 September 2000	YES
(Number)	(Country)	(Date Filed)	

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(International Application No.) (International Filing Date)

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